month for a period of three years, *ex-gratia* payment/grant of Rs. 5,000/ on the occasion of marriage of daughter free education of children in State Government or added institutions and grant of employment on priority basis are given.

According to Delhi Administration compensation is the case of death is paid to the next of kin of the deceased at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- and a grant at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- is paid to those injured due to terrorist activities.

Sericnltural Development

229. SHRI BASUDEB *MO* HAPATRA ; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state ;

(a) where it is a fact that G6-vernment are considering a proposal to give priority to sericulture development different parts of the country;

(b) whether any target in this respect has been fixed for the cur rent year if so. the details thereof;

(c) what is the additional employ ment likely to be generated thereby during the remaining part of Seventh Plan period;

(d) what will be the contribution of Central Silk Board towards financial and other help to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) how much amount has so far been received by the cconcerned States and the total area to be covered for Sericultural development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):
(a) and (b) A National Sericulture Project has already been launched in the current financial year, for development of sericulture in different parts of the country. A silk production target of 11,160 tonnes has been fixed for the current financial year.

(c) An additonal employmerit of 2.65 l&kh perosns is likely to be generated during the reamining part of the Seventh Plan period.

(d) and (e) The Central Silk Board supplements the efforts of the State Governments for devlopment of the sericulture industry by implementation of the folowing schemes/ programme.

(i) Supply of highyielding varleties of mulberry cuttuirigs at subsidised rate ;

(ii) Supply of quality silkworm seeds to sericulturists through a network of Seed Production Centres in the country ;

(iii) Pro\iding R. & D. and Ex-tension Support through a network of Research and Extension units; and

(iv) Organising training Prog-grames and conducting study tours for sericulturists.

The plan outlay of Central Silk is Rs. 30 crore. An additional area of 0.37 lakh hecteres is expected to be covered under mulberry sericulture during the current financial year.

Cracks in Hfrakud Dam

230. SHRI BASUDEB MOHA-PATRA ; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th. April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any Expert Committee was constituted to assess the cracks on the right spillway of Hirakud Dam in Orissa;

(b) if so, what Was the recom-mendation of the said Committee